

# Roxbury Community College Newsletter

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## Editor's Column

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is indeed a pleasure for me to write an opening paragraph for the first issue of this college-wide Newsletter. I am confident that the Newsletter will help further the progress of good communication, strengthen our sense of community and involve the College family in the many complex aspects of our institution. In celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary of the College, let me be the first to offer congratulations and commendations to the staff of the newsletter and all reading it as well. Have a safe and blessed Holiday Season.



Your President,



Grace Carolyn Brown

## Community Bulletin

### REACCREDITATION

RCC is up for reaccreditation April, 1995. A steering committee has been set up and will be co-chaired by Dr. Sandra Vaughn from Liberal Arts and Special Assistant to the President Jianping Wang from the President's Office. The committee will be meeting monthly. Please forward your ideas, comments, suggestions, and concerns to Sandra (X5370) and Jianping (X5361). Your input is greatly appreciated.

### ACUERDO

On November 9, 1993 the first academic year Acuerdo meeting was held. In addition to reviewing proposals submitted by the Curriculum Committee, we had a lively discussion on the mission, structure, and operation of the Acuerdo itself. It was agreed upon that further examinations and discussions on the Acuerdo are necessary. Therefore, the agenda for our next Acuerdo meeting, which will be held 2:30 p.m. on December 7, 1993 in the Academic Affairs Conference Room, will be to examine of the mission of the Acuerdo. Please make efforts to attend the meeting and bring your ideas to the discussion.

### OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

On December 6, 1993, the Office of Human Resources will be fully staffed with a new team of human resources professionals. Mr. Kenneth C. Smith, the new Director of Human Resources, comes to us from a very successful career at the M.B.T.A. with 13 years of human resources experience. Mr. Smith has a Master's degree in education. Ms. Kimberly J. Houghton, the new Assistant Director of Human Resources, has 4 years experience and broad knowledge of human resources information systems. She recently completed her Master's degree in business communication and public relations. Ms. Elizabeth Leon, the new Human Resources Specialist is a native of Mexico. She has 5 years experience at administration assistant/office manager level and has recently completed her Master's degree in business organization and public relations.





### Open Positions

Applications for these positions are encouraged:  
President's Office:

Administrative Secretary  
Receptionist  
Clerical Staff for Accreditation

Office of VP for Academic Affairs:

Secretary

Office of VP for Fiscal & Management Affairs:

Executive Assistant  
Administrative Secretary

Office of Human Resources:

Secretary/Receptionist

Because of the nature of the responsibility that involves labor relations, the above positions are non-union. For more information, please call the Office of Human Resources at 541-5330.

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### \$30,000 Fellowship From The National Endowment For The Humanities

Dr. Angel Amy-Moreno of RCC has been awarded a \$30,000 fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Dr. Amy-Moreno was one of only 11 faculty members at historically black colleges and universities (HBCY's) and other predominantly black colleges across the United States to receive a grant through the Endowment's Faculty Graduate Study Program.

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### NATION-WIDE INVITATIONS

Dr. Ray Turner from the Division of Math, Science, and Technology has received several important invitations this semester, one from the National Science Foundation (NSF). This is the third time in three years that Dr. Turner has been asked to perform services for the NSF. On one occasion, he participated in a publication on the future of undergraduate chemistry and on another occasion, he served as a reviewer for undergraduate science proposals. Dr. Turner has been invited back to Washington to serve a

second time as a reviewer. The most exciting invitation he has received is to the Gordon Research Conference. This science conference is highly selective and prestigious. The session to which Dr. Turner is invited is on "Innovations in College Chemistry". He will present a poster entitled "The Use of Visual Stimuli, Language, and Analogies to Increase the Competitiveness of Students in Pre-College Chemistry Students". Finally, Dr. Turner, who is also a Research Associate at Tufts University Medical School, will attend the Cell Biology Conference in New Orleans, LA, sponsored by the American Society of Cell Biology in December.

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### THE URBAN IMPROV

Urban Improv, a program of the Freelance Players, Inc., has produced original musical theater by children and for audiences of all ages since 1974. Urban Improv is an innovative theatre program designed for inner-city youth from ages 8-15. Modeled on the Living Stage, the nationally recognized community outreach program of Washington, DC's Arena Stage, Urban Improv provides 12-week interactive workshops to Boston school children, offering them the opportunity to deal creatively with the major issues in their lives such as family, prejudice, violence, drug abuse, heroes, peer pressure and racism. Guided by Urban Improv actors and educators, these children gain the chance to strengthen their self-esteem and develop a positive view of themselves. Urban Improv is in its second year of association with the College. As part of the Arts & Humanities Artists-In-Residents Project, the Urban Improv is currently operating out of the Dance Studio of the Media/Arts Building, working with 100 students weekly from the Tobin and Farragut Middle Schools.





For more information about Urban Improv please call 524-6348.



*From Art & Humanities Dept. Newsletter*

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### BLACKLIGHT THEATRE CLUB

Gloria Jolley, the acting coordinator for the Blacklight Theatre Club, states: "Theatre offers a wonderful opportunity for people as a group to learn of the black experience, not only from a historical perspective but also as a vehicle we can use to make a statement about present day society." Some members of Blacklight like Marlene Sanchez, are intrigued with the multi-cultural aspects of the black diaspora. Latishla Crosby, the President of Blacklight, proposes to present productions such as Langston Hughes' "Emperor of Haiti" and Douglas Turner Ward's "Day of Absence." Lisa Darling, a long time staff member of Dorchester News, is currently involved in editing the up coming "Blacklight Theatre Club Newsletter."

Anyone interested in becoming involved with the Theatre Arts Newsletter should contact Michael Thierry or Lisa Darling at 541-5380.

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### NURSING WORKSHOPS

Sandras Barnes will be holding a series of workshops in order to answer questions about the Nursing Program. The next workshop will be held at 11:30 AM in Room 201, Student Center on Thursday, December 9.

### DCE

We would like to wish Helen Singleton a very happy vacation in sunny Florida. We're looking forward to seeing her back on December 7.

Rachel Johnson will be out sick for a while, we all wish her a speedy recovery.

D.C.E. would also like to welcome an intern to our office. Sarah Coley is currently pursuing a Master's degree in counseling and psychology from Cambridge College. She will be advising and counseling students during registration.

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### Congratulations to our '93 graduates!

Coral Aziz is working as an Accounting Assistant at Vitale and Caturano, a large CPA firm in Boston.

Milagros Davidowitz is working as an Accounts Receivable Clerk at Swissotel of Boston.

Adrianna Rodriquez is working as an Administrative Secretary for the Supreme Judicial Court, Commission to Study Racial and Ethnic Bias.







Debra Mulcahy is an Executive Secretary in the Marketing Department of Transportation, Office of Information Resources.

Marie Barron is a Legal Secretary for Russell Chin and Associates.

Lisa Fabiano is an Administrative Assistant at Theodore Samet Co., a large C.P.A. firm in Chestnut Hill.

We are so proud that our Roxbury Community College BBS graduate, Kimberly Warren, was chosen to be the Valedictorian at the 1993 RCC graduation. Kimberly had a 4.0 average. She is working as an Administrative Assistant in the Purchasing Office of Boston University. She hopes to continue her education. And as an employee of B.U., she will be able to take courses free of charge. Good Luck, Kim!

#### Alumni

Joseph Coelho, 1976 Accounting graduate, has recently been promoted to Head Administrator for the U.S. Census Bureau.

*From BBS Campus*

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#### Information for Students

##### Registrar's Office

If you need a transcript, remember that it takes five (5) business days to obtain one. The processing is \$1.00 for a copy of either your official or unofficial transcript.

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#### SALVADORAN CHILDCARE WORKERS VISIT RCC

In early November, 20 Salvadoran childcare workers visited RCC as part of their six-week training in the United States. RCC has had an ongoing collaboration with the Institute for Training and Development (Amherst) in order to train people from other nations in a diversity of areas. Silvia Martinez, Acting Chair for Early Childhood Education and Scott Mehlenbacher, Professor of Mathematics, served as Coordinators of this educational program which required placing the childcare workers in a diversity of internship sites, offering them cultural events, and bringing in speakers. During their one week stay in Boston, the childcare workers interned in different public schools, community clinics, day care centers and the Office for Children. They also had the opportunity to participate in a Child Growth and Development class, and to listen to Felix Arroyo (School Committee Member) and Fernando Juarbe (American Auto Worker's Union Chapter President) as they offered their perspectives on the education profession here in Boston. Furthermore, the highlight of their stay was what these Salvadorans offered to our students. These childcare workers gave RCC Early Childhood Education students a presentation on child caring in El Salvador, war implications upon the profession, and caring for children from war torn countries. Professors Martinez and Mehlenbacher hope to continue participating in these international collaborations which give trainees a more realistic view of the United States while enhancing our students concepts of the world.

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## The College Fair

\*Over two hundred RCC students signed in to talk with representatives from 28 colleges. Transfer Guides and Massachusetts Independent Colleges Handbooks disappeared quickly, but don't worry, plenty are still available in CAPS. Here is some of the information college representatives shared...

\*UMass Lowell offers degrees in chemical, civil, electrical, mechanical, nuclear and plastics engineering.

\*UMass Amherst is offering an exciting dual admissions program. Scholarship assistance is awarded to one transfer student from each community college in addition to excellent financial aid packages.

\*Framingham State is fairly close to home and offers many popular programs, including nursing.

\*Mass Maritime Academy offers programs for those interested in marine-related careers.

\*HBCU's (Historically Black Colleges & Universities) and FAMU (Florida A & M University) had been on-campus the previous week. Remember, file your application in CAPS.

\*Harvard University Extension School emphasizes that transfer credits are accepted.

\*Mount Ida College offers shuttle service from Newton Centre.

\*Wheelock College is represented by Susan Graham, former CAPS Coordinator. Cross-registered students are completing applications now for spring and fall 1994 admissions.

\*Suffolk University continues to be a popular choice. Several RCC 1993 graduates are recipients of the Maria Stewart Scholarship.

\*Exciting programs for women returning to school include excellent need-based awards. If your GPA is 3.0 or higher, you might want to inquire about the Davis Degree Program at Wellesley College (just outside of Boston), the

Ada Comstock Program at Smith College and Frances Perkins Program at Mount Holyoke in western Massachusetts.

\*Stonehill College located in North Easton (Brockton area), about 25 miles south of Boston, offers a State Scholarship in Business Program including scholarship assistance and internship placements with State Street Bank for students of color interested in business careers. Check out health care administration, medical technology, education and criminal justice programs in this Catholic college. Tuition and fees: \$11,485.

\*Johnson and Wales College in Providence, Rhode Island, offer programs in business, culinary, hospitality and other fields. RCC's business administration courses will transfer into this college.

\*Regis College, a Catholic liberal arts college in Weston offers Bachelor's degrees in social work, nursing, computer science, legal studies education and variety of other majors. Tuition and fees: \$11,850.

*From CAPS Newsletter*

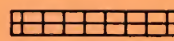
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### Message from Newsletter Team

Dear RCC Community,

We are delighted to be able to present to you our first issue of the Newsletter. Although we know we have a long way to go to improve the quality of this newsletter, we hope that you will find it informative as well as helpful. The Newsletter will be issued monthly. Your support is essential to the success of this newsletter. Please contact us if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions.



Raymona Boyd  
Valerie Lake-Hart  
Hattie Reid  
Faye Sampson-Russell  
Nancy Teel  
Jianping Wang





## CALENDAR-DECEMBER 1993

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| Thursday<br>December 2nd     | Steering Committee for Reaccreditation 2:00 PM, Basement of Media & Arts   |
| Friday<br>December 3rd       | 1973 Time Capsule Dance in commemoration of the College's 20th Anniversary. Student Center Buidling 8:00 PM-Midnight<br>Ebony and Gold Christmas Concert   |
| Saturday<br>December 4th     | Fall Open House sponsored by the Admissions Office<br>RCC Tigers vs Norwalk Technical Community College<br>Tobin School Gym, 4:00 PM   |
| Monday<br>December 6th       | RCC Tigers vs Mt. Wachusett Community College Away 7:00 PM<br>Student Center Building 10:00AM-2:00PM   |
| Tuesday<br>December 7th      | Administrative Assembly meeting 2:00 PM, Aca. Affairs Conference Room  |
| Thursday<br>December 9th     | Student Government Association Meeting 11:30 AM<br>(The Meaning of Kwanza)   |
| Friday<br>December 10th      | Talent Show sponsored by the Student Government Association<br>Visual and Performing Arts Center 7:00 PM<br>Caribbean Club Dance, Student Center Cafeteria 10:00 PM<br>Last Day of Classes<br>President's Holiday Party , Bookstore, Room 102, 2:00 PM<br>Student Center Building, All College employees welcome |
| Saturday<br>December 11th    | RCC Tigers vs Essex County College, New Jersey, 3:00 PM<br>Tickets available for bus ride to game \$20<br>Office of Student Activities   |
| Monday<br>December 13th-16th | Final Exams  |
| Tuesday<br>December 14th     | Student Government Association 11:30 AM<br>Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM, Board Room, Adm Bldg.  |
| Wednesday<br>December 15th   | RCC Tigers vs University Connecticut Avery Point, Away 7:00 PM<br>Deadline for Applying for Spring Financial Aid   |
| Friday<br>December 17th      | End of Semester Jam, Admissions \$3.00 with ID sponsored by PHC 7:00 PM  |
| Tuesday<br>December 21st     | Faculty Assembly 11:30 AM  |
| Friday<br>December 31 st     | Professional Assembly 3:00 PM<br>RCC Kwanza Celebration and the Community 6:00PM<br>Sponsored by SGA   |

